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Applicant	:	Gerald S. SIMONS
Serial No.	:	09/996,725
Filing Date	:	November 30, 2001
Title	:	STANDARD ATTACHMENT FITTINGS FOR WIRE ROPE AND CHAIN ENHANCED TO ALSO PERFORM LOAD WEIGHING FUNCTIONS

**AMENDMENT  
UNDER  
37 CFR 1.116(b)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.